

DATA TEST/HIGH PERFORMANCE

Joliet Field Office
1916 Jefferson / Joliet, IL

October 25th, 2019 at 9:30am

Meeting Minutes

I. Review September Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were necessary. However, Marc Fagan clarified that TLPs are documenting for Medicaid reimbursement and liability.

II. Family First

On Monday October 28, a semi-formal summary of recommendation will be put forward. Chapin Hall is providing assistance. The State plan is anticipated to be submitted the 1st of the year for FY21. A soft launch has been recommended. There were inquiries about Performance Measures, and Ashley Deckert noted nothing has been discussed as the meeting with Chapin Hall is scheduled for today. The plan is to submit something to the Steering committee. Ashley shared a summary of recommendations that were made by the Aftercare/Discharge Subcommittee (see attached). Rose Harris suggested a messaging campaign to reinforce the new model. The first edition of the Family First Newsletter was also noted.

Judy Griffith noted the missed opportunity to engage the family and provide clinical intervention when the kids are entering the facility. She suggested that resources should be geared towards supporting the youth prior to entering the program.

Mark shared that he is meeting with HFS to discuss emergency FSP services and legislation was amended to be able to serve youth without losing custody or youth going home. It was suggested that we rethink QRTPs and the process of how we provide services before youth come to our door; flexibility for parents to hold a bed and begin working with providers until a system can be built.

The team had a discussion around mobile crisis response and it was shared that the rate increased by 2.5% (as well as add-on) effective 7/1/19 (retroactive); in hopes to increase the number of providers willing to provide these types of services. There is additional discussion around financial resources to support the work.

Discussion was held regarding youth transitioning from Residential to TLP. Additional discussion was had regarding TLPs shifting from “brick and mortar” to allow flexibility and utilization of community-based services such as YV Lifeset. Some states were noted as implementing a similar model into their Family First Implementation Plan. Judy suggested recommendations for the CWAC High End meeting in 12/2019; however, it was suggested that Emerging Adults and High End come together in 12/2019. This agenda item would be discussed at the November Emergent Adults meeting in preparation for the High-End meeting in 12/2019. It was noted that there needs to be a conversation with Fiscal Staff once a proposal is developed. Also noted that it would be good to capitalize off Youth Voice for those youth that has already gone through such a program as there are a few youth in the Emergent Adult Committee.

Next Steps:

- Emergent Adult Subcommittee discuss and develop a proposal to discuss at High End.
- Add this item to High End’s Subcommittee Meeting agenda

III. PBC Data (Jennifer Prior)

Jennifer shared with the group that she does not have an update on the report, as the data analyst is no longer with Northwestern. Jennifer noted the desire to have a new data analyst trained to be able to answer questions that the group may have upon review of the report.

Jennifer confirmed the Education Only report is currently being reviewed, and upon completion the report will be emailed to the group by close of business day or Monday. Jennifer also briefly shared Molly and Corey’s collective view that School Attendance is not the way to go in terms of school measure on PBC report. Jennifer confirmed that redacted educational data will be provided but has not yet. Ashley will follow up with Molly on the status of redacted information.

The group had further discussion on submitting school attendance into RTOS and Angela clarified that Northwestern will continue to provide the report they are currently working on regarding the educational academic attendance but moving forward, providers do not need to enter any educational information in RTOS but rather submit the requested information to Corey Shannon.

The group also had a discussion on how valuable the attendance data is to this group and if the conversation should continue to be had in this group or in other committees. The group agreed that there needs to be a conversation around education with respect to Family First but noted that it is too early to have that conversation now without finalizing the recommendation. The

group also agreed that the conversation would be best led by Molly Uhe and her team.

Neil shared a link to an online report on educational outcomes of children in foster care to assist in future conversation.

Next Step:

- Jennifer will send out the school attendance data to the group
- Ashley will follow up with Molly Uhe to determine status of redacted information
- Review document Neil shared with the group on 10/25/19
- Invite Molly and Corey – by phone if they can not make it in person
- Angela confirm with Jennifer regarding completion of the SFDR report before adding it to the agenda.

LOS

No update on length of stay however; Jennifer share that the group should continue to want to look at length of stay in context of Family First; how it might be defined and reimbursement process.

Next Step:

- Keith will follow up with Hillary and Birdel with respect to how LOS will be counted

Spell Summit

Ashley shared with the group that on 12/2/19 will be hosting a “spell summit” to start a conversation about how each define spells. Noted several questions to begin facilitating discussion; how many ways to count kids in residential treatment, how to account for absences in their residential stays, how Family First modifies/complicates that count, and what is a spell. Also, business rules that may need to be created as it relates to the system. Residential Monitoring (TRIPMI, DCFS, Northwestern), CQI, APT, Children’s Research Center, Jeremy Harvey, and Royce Kirkpatrick.

IV. Overtime Guidelines

Angela Hassell noted that this conversation came up in TRIPMI Steering Committee, around how providers approach the utilization of overtime. Allen shared with the group an example of an agency with staff having massive amounts of overtime, related to crisis in staff. Noted that some agencies may already have internal guidelines on overtime and suggest that all may want to have put guidelines on how to assess overtime. The group had a discussion around this issue and all agreed to move it to the providers meeting agenda.

Next Step:

- Move overtime guideline to providers meeting agenda

V. **Other Business**

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Providers Meeting

The team had a brief discussion on some of the agenda items for the next providers meeting with Royce and Brenda. Noted their intent is to have more discussion around capacity of beds.

Secured Facilities

There was a brief discussion around development of secure facilities and noted currently there are no secure facilities but the department can license it.

Next step:

- Ashley will follow up with licensing on secure facilities

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: 11/22/19 at 9:30 a.m